23. (Amended) A method according to [any of claims 18 to 22] claim 18,

comprising performing said selection in [the] an apparatus [of claim 17] for storing

location based information using a method of storing and/or retrieving location-based

information, the method comprising:

   storing, in a distributed network of data storage devices accessible

simultaneously from a plurality of remote user terminals, data defining a plurality of first

localities in relation to which information storage is accessible; and

   selecting ones of said first localities to represent second localities for which

information is to be stored and/or retrieved such that:

   i)   said first and second localities bear a predetermined locational

relationship; and

   ii)   said first and second localities bearing a predetermined relationship in size

   characterised by the step of distributing said indexing nodes amongst a

distributed network of data storage devices accessible simultaneously for users at a

plurality of remote user terminals.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 16 or 18 to 23" and insert -- claim 1 --.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional

format.

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